

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 44 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

Please add the following claims:

--45. A composition for treating a dermatologic condition in an animal for a sustained period of time, which comprises:

a polymer matrix containing sodium hyaluronate and a nonionic polymer, said polymer being suspended in a liquid medium;

a therapeutically effective amount of a drug for treating said dermatologic condition dispersed within said polymer matrix;

wherein the molar ratio of the sodium hyaluronate to the nonionic polymer is 1:0.5 to 4, said sodium hyaluronate being present in amounts of about 2.0% to about 3.5% by weight of said composition; and

wherein said composition is capable of being topically applied to said animal to treat said dermatologic condition.--

--46. The composition of claim 45, wherein the drug for treating said dermatologic condition is selected from the group consisting of an amebicide, a broad spectrum antibiotic, a medium spectrum antibiotic, a fungal medication, a monobactam, a viral

agent, erythromycin, penicillin, cephalosporin, a derivative thereof and a combination thereof.--

--47. The composition of claim 45, wherein the molar ratio of the sodium hyaluronate to the nonionic polymer is 1:0.5 to 2.--

--48. The composition of claim 45, wherein the molar ratio of the sodium hyaluronate to the nonionic polymer is 1:0.7 to 2.5.--

--49. A composition for treating a dermatologic condition in an animal for a sustained period of time, which comprises:

a polymer matrix containing sodium hyaluronate and a nonionic polymer suspended in a liquid medium;

a therapeutically effective amount of a vitamin compound dispersed within said polymer matrix;

wherein the molar ratio of the sodium hyaluronate to the nonionic polymer is 1:0.5 to 4, said sodium hyaluronate being present in amounts of about 2.0% to about 3.5% by weight of said composition; and

wherein said composition is capable of being topically applied to said animal to treat the dermatologic condition.--

--50. The composition of claim 49, wherein said vitamin

compound is water-soluble.--

--51. The composition of claim 49, wherein said vitamin compound is selected from the group consisting of a B complex vitamin, vitamin C, folic acid, a derivative thereof and a combination thereof.--

--52. The composition of claim 51, wherein said B complex vitamin is pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof.--

--53. The composition of claim 52, wherein said derivative is sodium pantothenate.--

--54. A composition for treating dermatitis in an animal, which comprises:

a polymer matrix containing sodium hyaluronate and a nonionic polymer suspended in a liquid medium;

a therapeutically effective amount of a B complex vitamin compound or derivative thereof dispersed within said polymer matrix;

wherein said composition is capable of being topically applied to said animal to treat dermatitis.--

~~--55. The composition of claim 54, wherein said B complex vitamin is pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof.--~~

~~--56. The composition of claim 55, wherein said derivative is sodium pantothenate.--~~

~~--57. A method for treating a dermatologic condition in an animal, which comprises:~~

~~topically applying to said animal a therapeutically effective dose of a gelled composition for treating said dermatologic condition comprising a polymer matrix which is suspended in a liquid medium;~~

~~wherein the polymer matrix contains sodium hyaluronate in combination with a nonionic polymer.--~~

~~2 --58. The method of claim 57, wherein said condition is a pressure sore.--~~

~~3 --59. The method of claim 57, wherein said condition is dermatitis.--~~

~~4 --60. The method of claim 57, wherein said condition is atopic dermatitis.--~~

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--~~61~~. A method for treating a dermatologic condition in an animal, which comprises:

topically applying to said animal a gelled composition comprising a therapeutically effective dose of a drug for treating the dermatologic condition uniformly distributed in a polymer matrix which is suspended in a liquid medium;

wherein the polymer matrix contains sodium hyaluronate in combination with a nonionic polymer.--

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--~~62~~. The method of claim ~~61~~, wherein the drug for treating said dermatologic condition is selected from the group consisting of an amebicide, a broad spectrum antibiotic, a medium spectrum antibiotic, a fungal medication, a monobactam, a viral agent, erythromycin, penicillin, cephalosporin, a derivative thereof and a combination thereof.--

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--~~63~~. The method of claim ~~61~~, wherein said dermatologic condition is a pressure sore.--

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--~~64~~. The method of claim ~~61~~, wherein said dermatologic condition is dermatitis.--

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--~~65~~. The method of claim ~~61~~, wherein said dermatologic

condition is atopic dermatitis.--

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--~~66~~. A method for treating a dermatologic condition in an animal, which comprises:

topically applying to said animal a gelled composition comprising a therapeutically effective dose of a vitamin compound distributed in a polymer matrix which is suspended in a liquid medium;

wherein the polymer matrix contains sodium hyaluronate in combination with a nonionic polymer.--

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--~~67~~. The method of claim ¹⁰~~66~~, wherein said vitamin compound is selected from the group consisting of a B complex vitamin, vitamin C, folic acid, a derivative thereof and a combination thereof.--

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--~~68~~. The method of claim ¹¹~~67~~, wherein said B complex vitamin is pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof.--

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--~~69~~. The method of claim ¹²~~68~~, wherein said derivative is sodium pantothenate.--

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--~~70~~. The method of claim ¹⁰~~66~~, wherein the condition is a